



**DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

**RE: 19-FR-074**

Dear Mr. Chapman,

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Water Management, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request received in our office on January 25, 2019 for the following documents:

*“A copy of the following records for all past and current employees and contractors employed by this department. Please provide at least, but not limited to, 5 years worth of records.*

*Name*

*Email address*

*Title*

*Name of immediate superior*

*Email address of immediate superior*

*Direct reports (if applicable)”*

The Department of Water Management has no responsive documents to this request.

**Please note that the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) requires the City to produce documents. See 5 ILCS 140/3(a) (“Each public body shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this Act.”).**

**FOIA does not require the public body to provide answers to questions or create documents.** In fact, 5 ILCS 140/3.3 provides that FOIA “is not intended to compel public bodies to interpret or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of the public records.” In

Kenyon v. Garrels, 184 Ill. App. 3d 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Dist. 1989), the Illinois Appellate Court noted that FOIA “does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer.”

For your request for contractor information please note:

**Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/8.5, “Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. The public body shall notify the requester that the public record is available online and direct the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed.”**

A partial list of the information you are requesting can be found online at:

[https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doit/supp\\_info/list\\_of\\_contractors.html](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doit/supp_info/list_of_contractors.html)

Sincerely,



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